IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Crawford et al.

Before the Examiner:

Miller, Alan S.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 29, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 29, 2009, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.